From 103/8 to 121/2 Ounces Is Range of Weights covered.

SIZE HAS BEEN SHRINKING

Superintendent Roberts Says There Is No Law to Enforce Standard.

George M. Roberts, Superintendent of Weights, Measures, and Markets, in confunction with The Times investigation of the need of the bakers for an increase in the price of bread, has found that the standard loaf made by the bakers of Washington now averages 11% punces instead of 15 and 16 ounces, which was supposed to be the standard. The Times secured at various grocer.

stores in different sections of the city amples of the product of loaves o and turned over to the Superintendent of Weights and Measures to be weighed and examined. The result of the tests showed:

Loaf No. L. 10% ounces.
Loaf No. 2. 11 ounces.
Loaf No. 8. 11% ounces.
Loaf No. 4. 11½ ounces.
Loaf No. 5. 11½ ounces.
Loaf No. 6. 11½ ounces.
Loaf No. 6. 11½ ounces.
Loaf No. 7. 11½ ounces. 

How Size Has Shrunk.

The fact that the amount of bread erved to the people of the District by the bakers has shrunk is apparent when It is understood that at the time there was an agitation for the establishment of a standard of one pound to each loaf. President Simon Gordon, of the Capital Protective Retail Grocers' Association told the District Commissioners that the average weight of bread was then fifsen and sixteen ounces to the loaf.

The table of weights obtained by Superintendent Roberts in conjunction with The Times investigators, shows what the weight of bread is now. The decrease has been gradual, it is stated According to Mr. Roberts the Washington bakers are even more severe on their out-of-town customers than they are on Washingtonians. A loaf of bread was received by Mr. Roberts from J. W. Bowen, a grocer at Brandy Station. Wa., which weighted only nine ounces! In his testimony before the District Commissioners regarding the weight of bread, President Gordon, of the grocers association, declared that once he had found a loaf of bread that weighed thirteen and one-fifth ounces. Usually the bread weighed one pound to the loaf. He stated that he and the members of his association regarded one pound as the average weight.

The general interest that has been excited by the announcement of the proposed raise in the price of bread by the grocers grows out of the decreased size of the loaf. It will be seen from the figures that the size has decreased from the estimated 15 and 16 ounces to an average of 11½.

Bakers Are Silent. It is understood that at the time there was an agitation for the establishmen

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The bakers are still maintaining dlence as to their plans for the future. Whether they will raise the price or decrease the size of the loaf more than

crease the size of the loaf more than they have already decreased it, they will not state. They insist that they cannot make any move until they have learned what the Department of Justice will do in the investigation now in progress in Chicago.

One baker is credited with having stated that everything connected with the baking of bread has risen in price. Labor, gasolene, horse feed, paper, coal, cil. etc., in addition to flour, sugar, shortening, yeast, and other materials used in making bread have increased from 50 to 200 per cent, and there is prospect of a still greater rise with the rise in the price of wheat.

No Law to Govern.

No Law to Govern. In the course of The Times' investiga-

tion Mr. Roberts made an examination of the laws of the District, and found of the laws of the District, and found that there was no law in the District as to the size and weight of a lonf of bread. He said that in view of the fact that he does not know what action can be taken or what action has been taken toward securing such a law, outside of the hearing that was held, he cannot express an opinion as to its advisability. There has been no question raised in any of the complaints received at the District building as to the quality of the bread. The complaints simply related to the size.

#### Blames Almanac for His Sentence to Prison

BANGOR, Me., Sept. 17.—Thanks to an almanac, in which he didn't read anything about the weather. Farmer Harry Ellis, of Levant, went to prison for three years yesterday for murder. Testimony at the trial was that Ellis mixed the home-made beer recipe in the almanac, drank it, pummeled the life out of Tom Pomeroy, and threatened to cut the hearts out of other neighbors.

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The Rev. Paul R. Conniff, S. J., rector of the church, preached the sermon, and outlined plans for the brigade's participation in the Holy Name parade in Baltimore on Sunday, October 15. At least 2,000 men from St. Aloysuis' Church will march in the procession and sing hymns along the route of the parade.

Appointed Moderator.

The Rev. Edward J. Sweeney, of St. Aloysius' Church, has been appointed moderator of the Aloysius Club. men's organization conected with the church. In addition, Father Sweeney will be a professor at Gonzaga Col-lege, where he was himself educated.

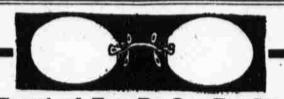
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Brig. Gen. Henry G. Sharpe today took up his duties of quartermaster general of the army, succeeding Major General Aleshire, retired. The appointment, anounced last night by Secretary of War Baker, carries with it advances the grade of major general, as the law provides the quartermaster general shall have that rank. The vacancy in the list of general officers caused by General Sharpe's advancement is filled by the promotion of Col. Abiel L. Smith to be

origadier general. For the last six months during the liness of General Aleshire the office of quartermaster general has been held by Jeneral Sharpe. His promotion was forecast by The Times at the time of General Aleshire's recent retirement. General Sharpe for years has been the recognized subsistence expert of the army, and one of the recognized world authorities on the problem of feeding an army in the field.

Studied European Methods. Nine years ago he made a tour of Euope to study the supply systems of the British, French and German armies, He is the author of several volumes on subsistence that have been adopted as text books. One of these, "The

as text books. One of these. "The Provisioning of a Modern Army in the Field," has been adopted by supply officers of the British army for use during the present war.

General Sharpe was born at Kingston, N. Y., in 1858, the son of Gen. George H. Sharpe, who served during the civil war on the staff of General Grant. He was graduated from the

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Military Academy, but later resigned from the army. A year later he was appointed a captain in the subsistence department and was at the head of that department when it was merged with the quartermaster corps a few years ago.

Service in Porto Rico. During the Spanish-American war General Sharpe, then a lieutenant colonel, did active service. He was chief commissary of the invading army in Porto Rico and also served in the Philippines.

As acting quartermaster general the problem of equipping and subsisting the troops in Mexico and on the border was assigned to General Sharpe and better results have been achieved by the army in this campaign, officers say, than in previous campaigns.

#### FLOATS ON LADDER; ANCHORS ON TOMB

This Texas Flood Victim Saves Self From Drowning.

VICTORIA, Tex., Sept. 17.—H. J. Mench, the only resident of old In-dianola, which formerly was one of the most important ports along the Texas coast, and was abandoned after the storm of 1886, had a narrow escape from drowning in Friday's storm. The high tide caused the waters of Matagorda Bay to inundate most of the site of the old town and to surround Mr. Mench's home. He saved himself by floating on a ladder for a distance of about two miles to a place of safety in the Indianola Cemetery. He spent the night there, crouched behind a tombstone to protect himself from the wind. Mr. Mench is about sixty 'years old, and is one of the best known fishermen and hunters along the coast.

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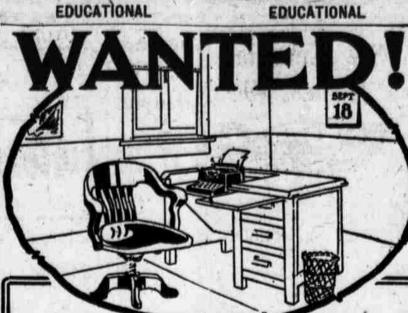
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